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Commissioner for Patents**Notice of Incomplete Response**

The reply filed on September 28, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): In the response filed September 28, 2007, Applicant has amended all pending claims to be directed to a different invention than the one that was searched in the previous Office Action. For example, as amended, claims 1, 3-8, and 14-16 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention searched in the previous Office Action for the following reasons: In response to the prior Office Action mailed August 22, 2007, Applicant has amended the claims to read on a process for delivering RNA into a cell of a mammal to block the production of a protein. As amended, the claims are directed to a process for delivering a RNA into a cell of a mammal to inhibit protein production, the examination of which would require a separate and distinct search from that of the previous Office Action directed to a process for delivering a polynucleotide into a cell of a mammal to inhibit endogenous nucleotide sequence expression. A new, separate and distinct search would be required for a process for delivering a RNA into a cell of a mammal to block the production of a protein, separate from the search of a process for delivering a polynucleotide into a cell of a mammal to inhibit endogenous nucleotide sequence expression. Applicant has received an action on the merits for the previous invention, drawn to a process for delivering a polynucleotide into a cell of a mammal to inhibit endogenous nucleotide sequence expression, and all pending claims are drawn to a different invention.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Terra C. Gibbs whose telephone number is 571-272-0758. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 5 pm M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Schultz can be reached on 571-272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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